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1. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN CALLED ON DEPT OFFICERS AUGUST 2 TO PRESENT GOR VIEWS ON PARTICIPATION OF PRG IN WPC. HE STATED THAT, AS HOST, ROMANIA DESIRED SMOOTH FUNCTIONING AND FULL SUCCESS FOR CONFERENCE AS WELL AS FULLEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN IT. PARIS AGREEMENTS HAD ESTABLISHED THAT THERE ARE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND POPULATION PROBLEMS ARE ISSUES IN WHICH PRG HAS LEGITIMATE INTEREST. ROMANIA THEREFORE HOPED THAT US, AS SIGNATORY TO PARIS PEACE AGREEMENTS, WOULD COOPERATE IN FINDING WAY FOR PRG TO PARTICIPATE IN WPC. BOGDAN SAID CONFIDENTIAL

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HE WAS SURE THAT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA COULD BE

CONSTRUCTED TO ENABLE SUCH PARTICIPATION.

2. WE REPLIED THAT THIS IS SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR US. ECOSOC RES OF 1970 HAS ESTABLISHED WPC INVITATION FORMULA AS "STATES MEMBERS OF UN AND OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES." SPRING 1974 ECOSOC HAD AGAIN DISCUSSED INVITATION ISSUE AND DECIDED TO INVITE NORTH VIETNAM AND CERTAIN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THEN RECOGNIZED BY OAU AND ARAB LEAGUE. ECOSOC HAD THEREFORE EXAMINED INVITATION OUESTION ON SEVERAL

OCCASIONS AND HAD NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED PRG. MATTER IN OUR VIEW WAS THEREFORE CLOSED, AND WE DID NOT RPT NOT SEE ANY WAY IN WHICH IT COULD BE REOPENED. US WAS SURPRISED THAT IT BEING RAISED AT THIS LATE DATE. POINT ALSO MADE THAT US RECOGNIZED REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAT PARIS AGREEMENTS HAD NOT ALTERED OUR POSITION ON THIS OR STATUS OF PRG IN ANY WAY.

- 3. DEPT OFFICERS HOPED WORK OF WPC WOULD NOT BE DIS-RUPTED BY INTRODUCTION OF EXTRANEOUS POLITICAL ISSUES. BOGDAN SAID HE SHARED THIS HOPE: HE SAID HE WOULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO GOR AND ASKED THAT ITS VIEWS BE MADE KNOWN WITHIN USG.
- 4. COMMENT: BOGDAN'S PRESENTATION WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD AND RELATIVELY LOW-KEY. IT FOLLOWS DEMARCHE IN SIMILAR VEIN BY SOVIET CHARGE VORONTSOV JULY 31. WITH CURRENT

ECOSOC SESSION NOW CONCLUDING IN GENEVA, WITHOUT ANY FORMAL MOVE THERE BY PRG SUPPORTERS TO GET IT INVITED TO WPC, QUESTION REMAINS WHETHER EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO RAISE ISSUE AT CONFERENCE ITSELF. WE HOPE NOT. KISSINGER

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